

Board Denies High-Rise Near CIA

Lewinsville Association
Scheduled Wednesday

Rezoning requested for a "medium high-rise" apartment at the entrance to CIA was denied last week by the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors. The board's vote on the 400-unit Robert Travers project was unanimous.

Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday by the board is hearing of the application of Irving Fleishman on rezoning for apartments at Lewinsville.

Mr. Fleishman is seeking rezoning of about 7 acres of the Windridge property on Chain Bridge Road, also bordering the Dulles Airport Road and Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123,) for garden apartments. A change is requested from R-12.5 (residential single-family on 12,500-square-foot lots,) to RM2G.

The County Planning Commission and the McLean Citizens Association are recommending that the application be denied.

The Travers application covered 11 acres on Madison Boulevard, east of the CIA entrance. Mr. Travers' attorney, Bernard M. Fagelson, said that "the very location of this property, uncondemned by the U. S. Government, would almost lead me to believe that the Federal Government purposely left this property in its present state in the hope that something like this would be done in order to provide adequate and immediately available living quarters for many of its personnel."

CIA LETTER READ

A letter was read to the board, however, from the deputy CIA director, L. K. White, saying he would like to "re-emphasize" that "we have no requirement for multi-family development nearby." Both the Planning Commission and Planning Staff recommended denial.

Supervisor Harriet F. Bradley of Dranesville District opposed the request, saying that "new and costly single-family homes have been built in this area" since CIA erected its headquarters. Mrs. Bradley recalled the apartment criteria adopted by the board and contended that "attractive single-family homes" could be developed on the tract.

George M. Lilly, vice-president

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of the McLean Citizens Association, led the opposition. He said, among other things, that approval would violate a board policy against apartment construction within a half-mile of George Washington Parkway.

Petitions against the project were presented by Means Johnson of 4305 Litton Lane, Downscree, and Ben Willis of Merchant Lane, Clearview Manor. Hugh Pease and Roy Britten also opposed the application.

Mr. Johnson suggested that having an apartment filled with CIA employees would be "a fruitful location" for "foreign agents." Mr. Fagelson replied by jesting that he couldn't imagine "anything safer than putting all these people in the same building . . ."

3 Fairfax Supervisors To Split Chairmanship

By Kenneth M. Boyd
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A caucus of five Democrats meeting to select a new chairman for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors apparently resulted in an unprecedented compromise yesterday in which three Supervisors will wield the gavel for eight months each, it was learned last night.

The caucus, which was closed to the public, decided to install as chairman, Supervisor Frederick A. Babson Jr., of Falls Church District at today's Board meeting. He will be succeeded by John L. Beerman of Providence District in September. Joseph Alexander would serve for the remainder of 1967.

Under the present system, the Board chairman serves a one-year term beginning the first of each year.

In 1962 discussions in a similar caucus centered in a shorter term. But Republicans William Moss and Claiborne Leigh decided to abandon the idea because it would give a chairman little time to develop his role of leadership.

The three Supervisors named

yesterday were the only contenders for the position. Board Chairman John Parrish will give up the chairmanship today.

By 1967 the Board is expected to move toward an urban form of county government, which would include the election at-large of a Board chairman with broader responsibilities. Alexander, as chairman, would hold the key to the County's political direction.

Babson, vice chairman of the Board in 1964, last month gave up his roles as chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and membership on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' executive council. He denied, however, that the moves were designed to give him more time for the chairmanship should it be offered.

At present the Board chairmanship does not offer duties of a special nature, other than the honor of presiding over the Board and signing documents. It is viewed by some, however, as a springboard to other political positions.

In another development ex-

pected today, Supervisors will renominate for two-year terms the four members of the County School Board whose terms expired New Year's Day. They are:

- John A. Goldsmith, 45, of Lee Magisterial District, a Capitol Hill reporter for United Press International, whose renomination has been pledged by Alexander.

- C. Turner Hudgins, 51, of Falls Church, associate general counsel for Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co., who will be renominated by Babson.

- Carl V. Lyon, 40, of Mason District, an attorney for the Association of American Railroads, whose renomination will come from the Board's only Republican, Stanford E. Parrish.

- William R. Perlik, 40, Dranesville, a Washington attorney, who will be renominated by Harriet F. Bradley, an independent.

The three remaining board members, whose terms expire Jan. 1, 1967, are Chairman William S. Hoofnagle of Centreville, Howard E. Futch of Mount Vernon and Kenneth N. Clark of Providence District.

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Fairfax Board Elects Babson as Chairman

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Frederick A. Babson Jr. today was elected chairman of the Fairfax Board of County Supervisors. He is the first of three Democrats who will share the gavel for eight months each this year and in 1967.

Babson, 35, is a Fairfax attorney. He was chosen by the five-member Democratic majority on the board, which caucused yesterday for more than two hours in outgoing Chairman John P. Parrish's law office.

In September, Babson will resign as chairman and be replaced by Joseph Alexander, a Franconia businessman, who was elected vice chairman today.

Unprecedented Compromise

Alexander will serve until May of 1967, at which time he will resign and Supervisor John L. Beerman of Providence District will succeed him, moving up from vice chairman. Alexander will serve the last eight-month period as vice chairman.

The arrangement is an unprecedented compromise brought about by the fact that Babson, Alexander and Beerman were voted into office in 1963 while Democrats Stuart T. DeBell of Centreville District and Parrish of Mt. Vernon District were re-elected.

DeBell served as 1963 chairman, followed by Parrish. All three of the freshmen Democratic supervisors wanted the chairmanship at some time.

As he took the gavel, Babson highlighted four major problem areas that he sees confronting the board in 1966.

"De Facto City"

The key problem he spotlighted was strengthening Fairfax County's form of government.

Babson, the Falls Church District member of the board, declared that Fairfax is a "de facto city" and recalled that he has been a longtime advocate of the city charter that county officials have tried to obtain from the General Assembly without success three times.

"I am convinced we cannot obtain a city charter this time, and the next best thing are the proposals of the Alexander Committee," Babson declared.

A study committee headed by Alexander last week proposed that Fairfax seek amendments to Virginia's existing urban county form of government as being the next best thing to a city charter.

The new chairman said he sees a period ahead of greater regional cooperation with a "merger of some of the alphabet agencies," which he said

and come under the Metro-Washington Council of Governments. He termed the only body concerned by the



FREDERICK A. BABSON JR.

elected representatives of the member jurisdictions."

Republican Supervisor Stanford E. Parrish abstained from voting on the split chairmanship arrangement agreed to by the Democrats.

Mrs. Harriet Bradley, the board's only independent member, did not follow suit, however, saying that "politics is the art of the possible" and when something is "inevitable . . . you go along with it."

The board also reappointed four school board members to two-year terms. They are John A. Goldsmith of Lee District, nominated by Alexander; Carl V. Lyon of Mason District, nominated by Parrish; C. Turner Hudgins of Falls Church District, Babson's choice, and William R. Perlik of Dranesville District, nominated by Mrs. Bradley.

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Babson



Alexander



Beerman

... three who will share Fairfax Chairmanship

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Fairfax Supervisors voted yesterday to back legislation calling for a new urban County form of government in what one Supervisor termed "a pioneering step forward."

The County plan would call for an amended version of such rule, authorized by Virginia four years ago but never put into practice. The County seeks added powers of legislation, taxation, control of County agencies and highways and redistricting.

The Supervisors voted 6 to 1 to adopt, with only one major revision, an advisory committee's report recommending the stronger, amended urban county government.

Newly elected chairman Frederick A. Babson Jr. cast a lone voice of dissent after he and Supervisors Joseph Alexander and John L. Beerman failed in an attempt to keep the advisers' recommendation that a Board chairman be elected on an at-large basis.

Babson, who took the gavel yesterday to begin an eight-month term, argued that elimination of such a chairman had "watered down" the report to render the urban county form it proposes "virtually meaningless."

The report, approved with this exception, will now be carried to Richmond by the ten members of the County's delegation to the General Assembly, who earlier expressed

optimism on their chances of getting the necessary amendments to the Virginia code.

If the legislators are successful, the issue will go to Fairfax voters in a referendum for approval, possibly this November.

The issue of the powers of a Board chairman divided opinions sharply yesterday and led to two defeats for Babson, Beerman and Alexander.

As proposed by the committee that drafted the urban county form, the chairman would have had additional power to nominate appointees to various County commissions.

A motion by Beerman to strengthen the chairmanship, beyond the report's recommendation, into a mayorlike position was defeated earlier when Stanford E. Parris, the Board's only Republican, won support for his comment:

"It has been said that the next best thing to democracy is the benevolent despot. But dictators have a way of being temporarily benevolent."

In other action yesterday, it was announced by the Democratic majority that Alexander will succeed Babson as chairman in September, to be followed by Beerman in May of 1967.

This divided term, unprecedented in the County, is in effect, a compromise allowing the three freshmen Democratic Supervisors to serve as chairman before the expected urban county government would go into effect.

The Board also voted yesterday to intervene in a petition filed two weeks ago asking for a court-directed redistricting of the County's seven magisterial districts. Parris, who offered the motion, observed that redistricting "is

or Mothballs for New Site

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